

MISSION

Highland School prepares students to thrive, lead and serve in a diverse and dynamic world, developing essential skills and character by challenging them with a demanding academic and co-curricular program.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Highland School is committed to a culture of inclusion that affirms the innate dignity and worth of every individual as an essential aspect of our educational mission. The most enduring learning takes place in an environment where every member of the community feels safe, respected, known, trusted and valued. We are deeply enriched by sharing different perspectives, traditions, and backgrounds. It is by including everyone in conversations and all areas of school life that we fully prepare students for engaged citizenship and compassionate leadership.

HISTORY

Founded in 1928, Dorothy Rust and Lavinia Hamilton establish the school as the Warrenton Branch of the Calvert School. In 1957, the school was renamed Highland School and moved to the current location. Since 1993, Highland has added the Pre-Kindergarten program and Grades 9-12. The school currently serves 502 students, including 18 international students from China, Germany, Spain, and Vietnam.

LOCATION

A 42-acre campus with a modern school complex of approximately 183,300 square feet in Warrenton, Virginia. Highland is less than one hour from Shenandoah National Park and Washington, D.C.

TRANSPORTATION

Highland serves students from 11 counties. Bus service is available to/from Boyce, Culpeper, Gainesville/Brookside, Haymarket/Aldie, Manassas, Middleburg/Purcellville, and Sperryville. An activity bus with limited service is available to students participating in after school athletics and extracurricular programs.

ENROLLMENT

PK2-Grade 4:	151
Grades 5-8:	117
Grades 9-12:	224
Total Enrollment:	502

FACULTY/STAFF

97- 30 male and 67 female
42 Masters
5 Ph.D.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND AWARDS

- AP courses offered: 18; Honors courses offered: 16
- Average class size: 10; Student/teacher ratio: 7 to 1 (Gr. 9-12)
- Saturday Enrichment Program (SEP), fall and winter sessions
- 100% of graduates attend college; 78% to first choice
- AP: 15 Scholars, 8 Scholars with Honor, 13 Scholars with Distinction, 2 National AP Scholars (2018), 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist and 4 commended (2019)
- Three Students attended Summer Governor’s School in Agriculture, Humanities, Math, Science & Technology, Spanish, and Japanese (2018)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Latin offered in Grades 6-12; Spanish offered in PK-Grade12; French offered in Grades 8-12.

- One Gold medal, 1 Silver medal, 5 Magna Cum Laude, 1 Cum Laude, 7 Honors, 36 other National Awards, National Latin Exam (2018)
- One Gold medal, 9 Silver medals, 2 Bronze medals, 15 Honors, National Spanish Exam (2018)
- Two Silver medals, 3 Bronze medals and 8 Honorable Mentions for National French Exam (2018)

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION/SERVICE LEARNING

Experiential education encourages students to learn about themselves, their school and global communities through multi-day field studies and direct service opportunities. Existing programs include Field Studies, Junior Internships, Senior Projects and Service/Community Projects.

CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP

Highland provides students a variety of leadership opportunities in order to foster the values of service, community, respect for others, inclusiveness, and generosity of spirit. Opportunities to grow personally, as well as intellectually, are purposefully facilitated throughout all divisions of the school.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Highland School currently offers four certificate programs for Upper School students. These certificate programs are intended engage students in an area of interest and provide opportunities to develop knowledge, skills, and values from direct experience.

PRE-ENGINEERING

The goal of the Pre-Engineering program is to provide students, through direct experience, projects, and academic study, an understanding of the nature of engineering, as well as the specific academic preparation they will need to study engineering at the university level.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Highland Leadership Development Program makes use of definitive training and coursework in combination with existing leadership opportunities to develop life-long leadership skills.

GLOBAL STUDIES

Through direct experience, travel, and study, Highland's Global Studies Program allows students to acquire a deeper understanding of world cultures and global issues. Program requirements focus on "four pillars of enlightenment."

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The goal of the Social Entrepreneurship & Environmental Sustainability (SEES) Program is to help students develop the fundamental skills they need in order to identify pressing and unsolved problems in the natural or social world and, using principles of modern-day entrepreneurship, design sustainable solutions to those problems.

FINE ARTS

Highland provides opportunities for students to participate in theater, music, and visual arts. Our facilities include the 355-seat Rice Theater, the 60-seat Lise Hicklin Black Box Theater, an Art Gallery, 2-D and 3-D art rooms, a film tech lab, music rooms, recording studios and a theater shop. The Center for the Arts is home to the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra.

LEARNING CENTER

Highland's Learning Center supports the needs of students with diverse learning styles and learning differences. The Learning Center is available to provide academic assistance with the expectation that with proper assistance and guidance, students can succeed academically. The Learning Center is an active resource at each division working with students, teachers and parents to provide assistance that enhances both individual and class performance in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

ATHLETICS

Highland is a Division I member of the Delaney Athletic Conference. There are 20 Varsity, 4 Junior Varsity and 19 Middle School teams. Our facilities include a synthetic turf field, two bermuda game fields, baseball and softball fields, two gymnasiums, weight and training rooms and four tennis courts.

From Fall 2017 to Spring 2018:

- Over 80% of Upper School students participated in the Athletic Program
- Girls soccer and girls lacrosse teams won State Championships
- Fifteen Varsity teams participated in State Tournaments
- Varsity teams won 13 Conference Championships
- Sixteen seniors signed letters of commitment to play a college sport
- All coaches are members of the "Positive Coaching Alliance" and eight coaches were selected as conference Coach of the Year.

FINANCIAL AID

Highland awarded over \$3.5 million in need-based financial aid.

MERIT SCHOLARS

Founder's Scholarship program awards merit-based scholarships to rising Grade 9 students. Twenty-nine scholars received approximately \$210,000. Piedmont Scholarship program awards merit-based scholarships to new Upper School students. Five scholars received over \$30,000.

MEMBERSHIPS

Virginia Association of Independent Schools, National Association of College Admission Counselors, The Secondary School Admission Test Board, Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, and Emerging Scholars Program.